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The Alamo Launches "Alamo Discovery Tour" For Elementary and Junior-High School Groups

Teachers are also invited to an open house at the Alamo on September 16th



SAN ANTONIO, TX. August 23, 2021 -- The Alamo is now offering a special new tour for school groups to help children in elementary and junior-high school gain a better understanding of the Texas Revolution. The "Alamo Discovery Tour" provides students with a comprehensive lesson on what life was like during the Texas Revolution by examining several individual historical figures associated with this period.

"Experiential learning is a tremendous tool that we can use to help these young Texans find a deeper connection to their state's history," Kate Rogers said, Alamo Trust, Inc. Executive Director. "Designed with feedback from school groups, this is an experience that emphasizes learning methods only found outside the classroom setting."

Each "Alamo Discovery Tour" includes pre-field trip activities for classes, a tour of Alamo Plaza, the Church, the Long Barrack, and special living history demonstrations. Students will learn about key figures in the Texas Revolution like Juan Seguin, Enrique Esparza, James Bowie, David Crockett, Jose Toribio Losoya and others. They will learn about tools these historic figures needed in their everyday life such as a horse, quill pen and ink, flintlock muskets, and more.

"This tour will enable students to step into the shoes of these historical characters," Katie Dillard said, Alamo Trust, Inc. Learning Programs Manager. "After studying about these people in their pre-visit activity, the students will get to stand on the same ground as these individuals, giving them a new sense of historical interpretation and wonder."

School groups must reserve the "Alamo Discovery Tour" or any other field trip at least two weeks in advance. Tours will be 45 to 60 minutes long and will be offered on weekdays at 9 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. The "Alamo Discovery Tour" is \$3 per student at the elementary school level, and \$7 per student at the junior-high school level.

Additionally, the Alamo will host "Calling All Educators" on Thursday, September 16th. This free, open house event invites all 4th and 7th grade social studies and history teachers to come to the Alamo to learn about the site, share tips on teaching Texas history with their peers, and learn about the educational programming offered by the Alamo. Free refreshments and swag will be provided for attendees. Educators can RSVP by emailing education@thealamo.org by Monday, September 13th.

As always, visiting the Alamo Church is free of charge, but you will need a free timed-ticket reservation for each person in your group. Please register at least two weeks in advance to ensure that there will be capacity for your group to go inside the iconic Alamo Church.

Explore the place where history was made for a unique day of hands-on learning! Visit theAlamo.org link today for field trip options and to make a reservation online.
